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OFFICE OF WATER

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJ: Request for Comment on Draft *FY 2007 National Water Program Guidance*

FROM: Michael H. Shapiro; Deputy Assistant Administrator /s/

TO: Office Directors; Office of Water
Water Division Directors; Regions 1 - 10
Great Waterbody Program Office Directors

The draft *FY 2007 National Water Program Guidance* is now available for your review and comment and can be found on the Internet at www.epa.gov/water/waterplan. I want to thank managers and staff in program offices and Regions for their work to help revise and improve the *Guidance*. As with other Agency 2007 draft program guidance documents, comments are due by March 31st.

As you review the draft *Guidance*, please consider commenting on each of the three general topics below:

- **Guidance Text:** Does the text adequately explain the strategies and approaches that the water program will implement to accomplish the environmental and public health goals established in the current EPA *Strategic Plan*? Are FY 2007 national priorities clear and is the management system clearly described?
- **Program Activity Measures:** The Program Activity Measures described in the text and presented in more detail in Appendix A, identify the key activities that support program implementation. Some measures are carried forward from FY 2006 while others are new. Some measures require reporting by national offices while others require Region/State/Tribe reporting. And, some measures have 2007 targets while others only provide for reporting in FY 2007. Comments on the value of a measure, the wording of a measure, or the appropriateness of a target for the measure are all welcome.

- **FY 2007 Regional Targets:** For those environmental measures and Program Activity Measures for which regional targets are needed (see attached list), each Region should provide a regional target for FY 2007. Regions should use the draft national targets in this Guidance as a point of reference, but may adjust Regional targets to reflect Regional priorities and needs. Regional targets, taken together, will be used to develop revised national targets for the final *Guidance* in April.

Please note that the Agency is also in the process of revising its *Strategic Plan* and this work involves developing targets for 2011 for environmental measures proposed for the new *Strategic Plan*, some of which are the same as the current measures including in the FY 2007 *Guidance*.

In addition, it is important to remember that the Agency is working with the Office of Management and Budget to develop a “template” for State program grants that will strengthen the linkage between State grants and the *Strategic Plan*. The Office of Water expects to be able to release draft State grant templates in mid-March. These templates will identify the environmental and program measures associated with each grant.

Comments should be provided to Elana Goldstein in the Office of Water by March 31st.

I look forward to working with you on this important project.

Attachment:

- List of Measures Requiring FY 2007 Regional Targets

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FY 2007 National Water Program Guidance
Measures Requiring Regional Targets

1) Subobjective: Water Safe to Drink

2.1.1	Population served by CWSs meeting drinking water standards
A	Population served by CWSs meeting standards in effect by 12/2001
B	Population served by CWSs meeting standards after 1/2002
C	Community water systems, meeting standards after 12/2001
D	Community water systems meeting standards by 1/2002
E	Community water systems meeting standards in Indian country
F	Source water protection plans in place
SDW-1 (a,b)	Sanitary surveys (states/tribes)
SDW-5	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: fund utilization rate
SDW-8 (a,b,c,d)	UIC – Class I, II, III, V wells in compliance
SDW-9	UIC - Class V wells closed or permitted

2) Subobjective: Fish and Shellfish Safe to Eat

No measures require Regional targets

3) Subobjective: Safe for Swimming

K	Days of beach season that beaches are open
SS-2	CSO permits with long-term control plans in place
SS-4	Tier I public beaches monitored under the BEACH Act

4) Subobjective: Restore and Improve Water Quality on a Watershed Basis

L	Impaired waterbodies restored
WQ-2 (a,b)	States/Territories adopting nutrient criteria or on schedule to adopt
WQ-3	States/Territories incorporating biological criteria in standards
WQ-4	Tribes with water quality standards approved by EPA
WQ-6 (a,b)	States/Territories and Tribes submitting new/revised standards
WQ-7 (a,b)	States/Territories and Tribes submitting revised standards approved by EPA
WQ-8	States/Territories implementing monitoring strategies on schedule
WQ-9	Tribes that have adopted & implemented monitoring strategies
WQ-11	States/Territories providing integrated monitoring/listing reports

WQ-12	States using assessment database
WQ-14 (a,b)	TMDLs established by States or EPA on pace
WQ-19 (a,b)	NPDES permits current (non-tribal/tribal)
WQ-20 (a,b,c)	Phase I & Phase II storm water permits issued & current
WQ-22 (only (a))	Significant industrial users with pretreatment control mechanisms
WQ-25	Clean Water State Revolving Fund: fund use rate
WQ-31 (only (a))	Permits providing for trading

5) Subobjective: Protect Coastal and Ocean Waters

IV-D Acres of habitat in National Estuary Program (NEP) protected

6) Subobjective: Protect Wetlands

WT-4 States where trend in wetland condition measured

7) Protect the Mexico Border

No measures require regional targets

8) Subobjective: Protect the Great Lakes

(* Only Regions 2, 3, and 5)

GL-1	NPDES permitted discharges to Lakes/tributaries reflecting Great Lakes Guidance
GL-2	CSO permits in Great Lakes basin consistent with CSO policy
GL-4	High priority Tier I beaches with BEACH programs in place

9) Subobjective: Protect the Chesapeake Bay

No measures require regional targets

10) Subobjective: Protect the Gulf of Mexico

(* State breakout requested)

GM-1	Impaired segments in coastal areas where quality restored
GM-2	Additional acres of coastal/marine habitats restored